

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 6-12 and 14-28 remain in this application. Claims 4, 5, 29 and 30 have been cancelled by this amendment, and claims 1, 2, and 13 have been cancelled by a previous amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments, and remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely indication of allowance.

Claims 14-28 have been allowed.

Claims 3-12 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. According to the Examiner, the term "voltage potential" in claims 3 and the phrase "via one or more of said HVT transistors" in claim 29 are unclear. Although Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection, to advance the prosecution of this case, claim 3 has been amended to delete any reference to a "voltage potential," and claim 29 has been cancelled. According, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-12 are directed to patentable subject matter. The Examiner has objected to these claims, however, as being dependent on a rejected base claim indicating that allowance would be forthcoming if rewritten in independent form, and amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response, independent claim 3 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of 5, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 3, having been amended consistent with the statutory requirements of section 112, is now in condition for allowance. Claims 6-12 are dependent from claim 3, and therefore, are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 4, and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Chappell et al. Again, Applicant does not agree with the position taken by the Examiner, but has amended claim 3 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 5. Claims 4 and 30 have been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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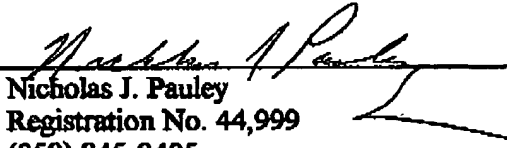
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Respectfully submitted,

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